

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	12 November 2019	For weekend:	16–17 November 2019

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

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NEW	<p>Divine Retreat Centre Praise & Worship, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration – St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong, Saturday 30 November 2019 from 6:30p.m.-9p.m.</p> <p>Come and experience the Lord’s healing power and his infinite mercy at the spiritually enriching prayer service. For more information please contact Josobel on 0425 220 398 (preferably after 5pm)</p>	
NEW	<p>LIFE HAS CHANGED NOT ENDED: Preparing Joyfully for My Funeral.</p> <p>Friday 29 November 2019 beginning with a Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed at Milton 9.30a.m. and concluding with a BYO lunch at 1p.m.</p> <p>An invitation is extended from the Parish Liturgy Team to participate in an interactive workshop in order to prepare your funeral liturgy according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants will be guided to make initial choices about their preferred scripture readings, music and other options. For example, they'll decide if they want their coffin to be dressed with religious and other symbols plus a eulogy and/or a slide show. Additionally, a local funeral director will present some practicalities associated with preparing one's funeral.</p> <p>This workshop aims to:</p>	

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	<p>(i) ease the stress for grieving loved ones when preparing a Catholic Requiem Mass or Funeral Service:</p> <p>(ii) ensure your faith-filled funeral wishes are honoured;</p> <p>(iii) enable the priest to fulfil his sacred duty as your church minister. At the workshop you'll develop a templated Order of Service (draft) to share with family members reflecting your 'Spiritual Last Will and Testament'.</p> <p>To register for the workshop please email Therese Lahiff milton@dow.org.au or phone the Parish Office 4455 1313.</p>	
NEW	<p>2020 Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference: Anointed. 20–22 March 2020, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops</p> <p>Early Bird Tickets Available Now! Only \$239 includes food and accommodation. Limited tickets available. The special price is available only until 30 November 2019. Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>From Gangland to Promised Land The John Pridmore 2019 Parousia Tour</p> <p>Catholic Speaker, Author and Ex-Gangster, John Pridmore speaks on the Gift of our Lady on Sunday 24 November 2019</p> <p>5:00p.m. Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 36 Harbour Street Wollongong.</p> <p>6:00p.m. Light Supper and Mingle</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Talk: "Gift of Our Lady"</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Q & A</p> <p>For more information https://www.parousiamedia.com/ RSVP: All welcome – for catering purposes – please RSVP to Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>Made for Each Other Summer School 20–24 Jan 2020 St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Tasmania</p> <p>A unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35 to explore the depth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality and marriage. Last year's participants found that the Summer School was an immersive formation experience that was delivered in a faith-filled and friendly environment. Key features include: Excellent speakers (Katrina Zeno,</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p> <p>Click to download Program Summary</p>

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	<p>Archbishop Julian Porteous, Christine Wood and more), lively group discussions, Mass & prayer time, social occasions and an alpine bushwalk. For more information: https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/matrimonium-summer-school-2020 or call Ben Smith 03 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Position Vacant Manager—Communications, Media Engagement and Marketing</p> <p>Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong are looking for an experienced media and communications professional to fulfil the permanent full time role of Manager—Communications, Media Engagement and Marketing: responsible for internal and external communications, media relations and marketing strategy, in support of the diocese’s evangelising mission, particularly as expressed through Catholic education and the local Church. For more information and to apply for the position, visit: https://dow.sh/cedow</p>	
Continuing	<p>Position Vacant OOSH Educators</p> <p>CatholicCare are seeking Out of School Hours (OOSH) Educators for their services at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Samaritan, Fairy Meadow • St Pius X, Unanderra • Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama • St Patrick's, Port Kembla <p>CatholicCare offer a flexible work schedules, salary packaging and a range of other benefits.</p> <p>For further information contact Annette Rearden on 0439 110 838 or Kate McInerney on 0409 745 563.</p> <p>To apply visit catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
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NEW	<p>Join the adventure</p> <p>It is with great excitement we announce CatholicCare will be holding a fundraising trek to the iconic Larapinta Trail (near Alice Springs) on 28 September – 4 October 2020.</p> <p>We are seeking participants to undertake the trek and help raise \$100,000 to help children in need throughout the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands areas.</p> <p>To find out more visit http://tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta</p>	
Continuing	<p>Aid to the Church in Need</p> <p>Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on Wednesday 20 November 2019 commencing 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour St Wollongong.</p> <p>In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Australian Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through Prayer, Information and Action.</p> <p>In support of the ACN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm – 10pm—All welcome!</p>	Click to download logo
Continuing	<p>The Epiphany Pilgrimage 2 – 8 January 2020</p> <p>The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland,</p>	

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	<p>celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage</p>	
Continuing	<p>Volunteers Required for Cathedral Books & Gifts, Wollongong</p> <p>Do you have a spare morning or afternoon once a week? No experience needed as you will be working with another volunteer. Contact Wendy 0457 023 556</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Catholic bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November.</p> <p>The faithful across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national—and so should the response be national. For access to prayer resources and links to donate to the Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal and the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal, visit: www.catholic.org.au/drought</p>	
Continuing	<p>Prayer for rain and those affected</p> <p>Eternal God,</p> <p>In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.</p> <p>We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.</p> <p>Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.</p>	

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	<p>In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.</p> <p>St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Gather Australia Hymn Book</p> <p>Rosemeadow Parish is looking for some more of the Gather Australia Hymn Books, (1995 edition). If any parish has any surplus or unused copies, could you please contact Rosemeadow Parish Office on 4628 1385. Thank you.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Missionary Leadership Formation Opportunity – Exciting New Course</p> <p><i>Foundation for Missionary Leadership</i> is designed to empower and equip participants to develop the skills necessary to be a missionary leader in the Church today. The year long course, run by the Missionaries of God’s Love <i>Arete’ Centre</i> provides a highly practical and encounter based formation process with special focus areas of Youth Ministry, Adult Evangelisation and Music Ministry. The Diocese plans to host a group of interested participants in either the Macarthur or Wollongong area. Applications close on 30 November 2019. For more information please contact Darren at darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463. Information can also be found at www.aretecentre.org</p>	<p>Click to download course brochure</p>
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>

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	<p>One possible approach to development aid would be to apply effectively what is known as fiscal subsidiarity, allowing citizens to decide how to allocate a portion of the taxes they pay to the State. Provided it does not degenerate into the promotion of special interests, this can help to stimulate forms of welfare solidarity from below, with obvious benefits in the area of solidarity for development as well. — BENEDICT XVI, 29th June 2009</p>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 24 November 2019</p> <p>Looking for a reflection on this week's Gospel? Here on The Journey Catholic Radio Show we have Fr Graham with an incredible reflection on this week's Gospel from Luke. As well as that, we have God spots from Pete Gilmore, Marilyn Rodrigues and Mother Hilda Scott to inspire you through the coming week. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Called to ministry? Upcoming liturgical ministry training events</p> <p>Have you considered serving your parish as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion, adult altar server, or minister of Communion of the sick and homebound? The 2019 diocesan training courses in these ministries are scheduled as follows:</p> <p><i>Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and adult altar servers 10 a.m.–2 p.m.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollongong, Saturday 23 November 2019 at Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong <p>Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead two sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of extraordinary minister of holy Communion and one session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Six full day guided retreat</p> <p>Saturday 23 November to Saturday 30 November 2019 at Hartzel Park, Bowral</p> <p>Presenter: Fr. Philip Malone MSC Theme: <i>Advent: a time of waiting and anticipation—a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine.</i> Fr Malone’s refreshing approach to the season of waiting will help you explore and experience the rich truths we celebrate in faith during this time. Cost: \$650 per person (fully catered) The retreat begins with the evening meal at 6 p.m. on 23 November and concludes the morning of Saturday 30 November 2019. RSVP: 11 November. Phone 4861 3223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>There will be no Masses at Wollongong Private Hospital and Wollongong Public Hospital between August and December 2019. It will resume in January 2020. Kindly contact 0475 815 506 for your hospital spiritual needs.</p>	
Continuing	<p>LIVE Local—Macarthur Youth Group</p> <p>Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults every Friday night of the term! <i>LIVE Local</i> is a place for like-minded young people from ages 12–18 to grow in faith, community and fun. <i>LIVE Local</i> runs from 7 p.m.–9 p.m. at St John’s Hall in Campbelltown and is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong. We can’t wait to see you there at <i>LIVE Local</i>. For more information contact robyn.bailey@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource</p> <p>Want to help transform your parish into a place where people are known, loved, challenged and supported? Small groups or “communities of communities” hold the key. The weekly <i>Faith Circles</i> resource and small-group leaders guide is available for free to download. It features all the “how-to”</p>	

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	<p>information you need as well as reflection questions for the Sunday Gospel and accompanying prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids: A weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit www.cathfamily.org</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books and Gifts</p> <p>A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from <i>Cathedral Books and Gifts</i>. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues and greeting cards, candle—perfect to commemorate Confirmation, first holy Communion and Baptism.</p> <p>Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. For enquiries, phone 4222 2484.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Take a risk and give the gift of faith</p> <p>In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. NSW Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone—someone who stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. Each week of the school year, catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity, and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a catechist teacher or helper today!</p> <p>For more information, ask your parish priest or please call 4640 8550.</p>	